

House Resolution No. 4266

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge a momentous occasion in the life of one of the Show-Me State's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Wanda Benbenek, a treasured resident of Alton, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundred Second Birthday on August 31, 2007, with a festive celebration to be held at Shepherd View Assisted Living; and

Whereas, Wanda Benbenek came into this world in Shelby County, Illinois on August 31, 1905, as the tiny infant daughter born to proud and loving parents Arthur and Ersel Lewis, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, Wanda embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married Rudolph G. Benbenek, a kind and loving gentleman who enjoyed every moment of her company until his passing from this world; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker whose hobbies included tatting and helping others, Wanda Benbenek enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a stellar employee of shoe factories in St. Louis and Cape Girardeau, PTA President, 4-H Leader, and Senior Center volunteer; and

Whereas, Wanda Benbenek has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her two children, Betty Ann Wetzel and the late Robert G. Benbenek; and her five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty and robust congratulations to Wanda Benbenek as she proudly celebrates one hundred two years of achievement, and in wishing her much peace and prosperity as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Wanda Benbenek, as a mark of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4266, adopted July 18, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker